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INDIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal/demand for a separate Indian Archaeological Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

a) to c)Government considered the proposal to set up an Archaeological and Heritage Service of India to attract professionals to Archaeological Survey of India on the basis of the All India Civil Services Examination. However, the technical cadres in the Archaeological Survey of India being multi-functional and not uni-functional with a pyramidal structure, it was not found feasible to integrate them into one Central Service. The various agencies/wings of the Government like Union Public Service Commission, Department of Personnel and Training etc. listed out numerous practical problems in induction of different technical and specialized professionals and their subsequent integration into a common cadre. Considering all these practical problems, the Government has dropped the proposal to constitute a Central Archaeological Service.